

Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A composition of matter of the formula



wherein:

F¹ is selected from the group consisting of an Fc domain, a linear polymer, a branched chain polymer, a lipid, a cholesterol group, a carbohydrate, an oligosaccharide, a natural protein, a synthetic protein, and a polypeptide or peptide that binds to a salvage receptor;

X¹ and X² are each independently selected from $-(L^1)_c-P^1[[,]]$ and $-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2[[,]]-(L^3)_e-P^3-(L^3)_e-P^3-(L^3)_e-P^3$; and $-(L^1)_c-P^1-(L^2)_d-P^2-(L^3)_e-P^3-(L^4)_f-P^4$;

$P^1[[,]]$ and P^2 ; P^3 ; and P^4 are each independently

- i. the consensus region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 16);
- ii. the consensus region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO: 7); or
- iii. the TACI/BCMA extracellular consensus sequence (SEQ ID NO: 13)

$P^1[[,]]$ and P^2 ; P^3 ; and P^4 are not the extracellular region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 15) or the extracellular region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO: 6);

$L^1[[,]]$ and L^2 ; L^3 ; and L^4 are each independently linkers;

a, b, c, and d, e, ~~and~~ f are each independently 0 or 1, provided that at least one of a and b is 1, and wherein neither X¹ nor X² is naturally occurring; and

one of P¹ and P² the composition of matter is a specific binding partner for AGP-3 or and the other is a specific binding partner for APRIL.

Claims 14-16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The composition of matter of Claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein F¹ is an Fc domain.